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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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HENRI WILLIAMS, 27, of the 7800 block of Paddington, St. Louis, 63121, was sentenced to 60 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DWAYNE PARKER, 29, of the 3900 block of Louisiana, St. Louis, was sentenced to 57 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one felony count of possession of a unregistered sawed off shotgun.

WILLIAM LUMPKINS, 21, of the 2100 block of Empire Court, St. Louis, was sentenced to 36 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a

firearm.

DENNIS LEROY WILLIAMS, 40, of the 7400 block of Olive, St. Louis, 63130, pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. Williams now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for April 29, 2005.

CHARLES LADEN, 29, of the 4100 block of N. 22nd Street, St. Louis, 63107, pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun. Laden now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for May 5, 2005.

VINCENT ADAMS, 42, of the 5000 block of Dewey, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a firearm while under a full order of protection. Adams now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for April 28, 2005.

CHARLES MERRIDITH, 62, of the 1800 block of Laflin, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Merridith now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for May 2005.